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Low water, long launch lines and 5 MPH Speed Limit at Folsom Lake during Labor Day Weekend

FOLSOM – California State Parks asks visitors to be cautious and patient while enjoying Folsom Lake during the Labor Day weekend, as low water levels have left four of the five boat ramps dry. Boaters can expect long lines as the demand will be carried by the only remaining ramp. There will also be a **5 mph maximum speed limit** established for the entire lake starting on Friday, August 31st for public safety concerns due to hazards and the low water conditions.

“Visitors are welcome to come out and enjoy the lake,” said Park Superintendent Michael Gross of California State Parks. “We just want to make sure everyone is aware of the lake’s limitations at this time of year and urge people to exercise extreme caution and patience both for the safety of visitors and the safety of their watercraft.”

The 5 mph speed limit is necessary because the low water level has brought rocks on the lake bed closer to the surface, placing boats in danger of being scratched or worse in some of the more shallow areas.

Starting Friday, the only launch ramp available for boaters will be at Browns Ravine in El Dorado County. The parking lot may fill up quickly, so visitors should come early to increase their chances of getting a spot.

Rattlesnake Bar, Folsom Point and Peninsula boat ramps are all out of the water and closed to boat launching. The Granite Bay Ramp will also be out of the water and closed starting Friday. The low water ramp will surface and be accessible in about a week.

The day use picnic areas at Folsom Lake also require a long walk to the waters edge.

Folsom Lake State Recreation Area office is at 7806 Folsom-Auburn Road in Folsom. For more information, call (916) 988-0205.

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